IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant: : Brian Teixeira Filed : July 22, 2003

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Examiner: : Koi H. Tran

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for three (3) months from July 4, 2006 through October 4, 2006. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR \$1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.